

Avibase - The World Bird Database

Region: Iowa
Number of species: 434
Number of endemics: 0
Number of breeding endemics: 0
Number of globally threatened species: 21
Number of extinct species: 2
Number of introduced species: 8
Date last reviewed: 2015-04-07

Col	Location	Date	Start time	Duration	Distance
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Black-bellied Whistling-Duck [x]						Mottled Duck [x]						Northern Bobwhite						
Fulvous Whistling-Duck [x]						Northern Pintail												
Snow Goose						Green-winged Teal						Wild Turkey						
Ross's Goose						Canvasback						Ruffed Grouse						
Greater White-fronted Goose						Redhead						Sharp-tailed Grouse [x]						
Taiga Bean-Goose [x]						Ring-necked Duck						Greater Prairie-Chicken						
Tundra Bean-Goose [x]						Greater Scaup						Gray Partridge [i]						
Brant [x]						Lesser Scaup						Ring-necked Pheasant [i]						
Cackling Goose						King Eider [x]												
Canada Goose						Common Eider [x]						Rock Pigeon [i]						
Mute Swan [i]						Harlequin Duck [x]						Passenger Pigeon [x]						
Trumpeter Swan						Surf Scoter						Eurasian Collared-Dove [i]						
Tundra Swan						White-winged Scoter						Inca Dove [x]						
Wood Duck						Black Scoter						Common Ground Dove [x]						
Garganey [x]						Long-tailed Duck						White-winged Dove						
Blue-winged Teal						Bufflehead						Mourning Dove						
Cinnamon Teal						Common Goldeneye												
Northern Shoveler						Barrow's Goldeneye [x]						Groove-billed Ani [x]						
Gadwall						Hooded Merganser						Yellow-billed Cuckoo						
Eurasian Wigeon [x]						Common Merganser						Black-billed Cuckoo						
American Wigeon						Red-breasted Merganser												
Mallard						Ruddy Duck						Common Nighthawk						
American Black Duck												Chuck-will's-widow						

Eastern Whip-poor-will

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Upland Sandpiper

Whimbrel

Chimney Swift

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Eskimo Curlew [x]

Long-billed Curlew [x]

Mexican Violetear [x]

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Bar-tailed Godwit [x]

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

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Hudsonian Godwit

Anna's Hummingbird [x]

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Marbled Godwit

Rufous Hummingbird [x]

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Short-billed Dowitcher

Broad-billed Hummingbird [x]

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Long-billed Dowitcher

American Woodcock

King Rail [x]

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Wilson's Snipe

Virginia Rail

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Wilson's Phalarope

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Red Phalarope [x]

Common Gallinule

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Red-necked Phalarope

American Coot

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Spotted Sandpiper

Purple Gallinule [x]

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Solitary Sandpiper

Yellow Rail

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Lesser Yellowlegs

Black Rail [x]

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Willet

Greater Yellowlegs

Limpkin [x]

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Ruddy Turnstone

Red Knot

Sandhill Crane

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Ruff [x]

Whooping Crane [x]

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Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [x]

Curlew Sandpiper [x]

Black-necked Stilt

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Stilt Sandpiper

American Avocet

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Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Sanderling

Black-bellied Plover

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Dunlin

American Golden-Plover

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Baird's Sandpiper

Killdeer

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White-rumped Sandpiper

Semipalmated Plover

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Least Sandpiper

Piping Plover

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Pectoral Sandpiper

Snowy Plover

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Western Sandpiper

Semipalmated Sandpiper

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Long-tailed Jaeger [x]

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Parasitic Jaeger [x]

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Pomarine Jaeger [x]

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Long-billed Murrelet [x]

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Thick-billed Murre [x]

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Ancient Murrelet [x]

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Little Gull [x]

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Ross's Gull [x]

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Black-legged Kittiwake [x]

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Ivory Gull [x]

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Sabine's Gull

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Bonaparte's Gull

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Black-headed Gull

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Laughing Gull [x]

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Franklin's Gull

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Black-tailed Gull [x]

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Heermann's Gull [x]

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Short-billed Gull

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Ring-billed Gull

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American Herring Gull

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Great Black-backed Gull [x]

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Glaucous Gull

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Lesser Black-backed Gull

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California Gull [x]

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Glaucous-winged Gull [x]

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Slaty-backed Gull [x]

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Iceland Gull

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Least Tern

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Caspian Tern

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Black Tern

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Forster's Tern

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Arctic Tern [x]

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Common Tern

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Royal Tern [x]	<div></div>	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	<div></div>	Eastern Screech-Owl	<div></div>
		Black-crowned Night Heron		Snowy Owl	
Pied-billed Grebe	<div></div>	Little Blue Heron		Great Horned Owl	
Horned Grebe	<div></div>	Tricolored Heron [x]		Northern Hawk Owl [x]	
Red-necked Grebe	<div></div>	Reddish Egret [x]		Burrowing Owl [x]	
Eared Grebe	<div></div>	Snowy Egret		Barred Owl	
Western Grebe	<div></div>	Green Heron		Great Gray Owl [x]	
Clark's Grebe [x]	<div></div>	Western Cattle-Egret		Long-eared Owl	
		Great Egret		Short-eared Owl	
Red-throated Loon	<div></div>	Great Blue Heron		Boreal Owl [x]	
Pacific Loon	<div></div>			Northern Saw-whet Owl	
Common Loon	<div></div>	Black Vulture [x]	<div></div>		
Yellow-billed Loon [x]	<div></div>	Turkey Vulture	<div></div>	Belted Kingfisher	<div></div>
Wood Stork [x]	<div></div>	Osprey	<div></div>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<div></div>
				Red-breasted Sapsucker [x]	
Magnificent Frigatebird [x]	<div></div>	White-tailed Kite [x]	<div></div>	Lewis's Woodpecker [x]	<div></div>
		Swallow-tailed Kite [x]		Red-headed Woodpecker	
Brown Booby [x]	<div></div>	Golden Eagle		Acorn Woodpecker [x]	
		Sharp-shinned Hawk		Red-bellied Woodpecker	
Anhinga [x]	<div></div>	Cooper's Hawk		Black-backed Woodpecker [x]	
		American Goshawk		Downy Woodpecker	
Double-crested Cormorant	<div></div>	Northern Harrier		Hairy Woodpecker	
Neotropic Cormorant	<div></div>	Bald Eagle		Pileated Woodpecker	
		Mississippi Kite		Northern Flicker	
White Ibis [x]	<div></div>	Broad-winged Hawk	<div></div>		
Glossy Ibis [x]	<div></div>	Red-shouldered Hawk		Crested Caracara [x]	<div></div>
White-faced Ibis	<div></div>	Swainson's Hawk		American Kestrel	
Roseate Spoonbill [x]	<div></div>	Red-tailed Hawk		Merlin	
		Rough-legged Hawk		Gyr Falcon [x]	
American White Pelican	<div></div>	Ferruginous Hawk	<div></div>	Peregrine Falcon	
Brown Pelican [x]	<div></div>	American Barn Owl	<div></div>	Prairie Falcon	
American Bittern	<div></div>			Carolina Parakeet [x]	<div></div>
Least Bittern	<div></div>				

Olive-sided Flycatcher
 Western Wood-Pewee [x]
 Eastern Wood-Pewee
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
 Acadian Flycatcher
 Alder Flycatcher
 Willow Flycatcher
 Least Flycatcher
 Western Flycatcher [x]
 Black Phoebe [x]
 Eastern Phoebe
 Say's Phoebe [x]
 Vermilion Flycatcher [x]
 Great Crested Flycatcher
 Western Kingbird
 Eastern Kingbird
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher [x]

American Crow
 Fish Crow [x]
 Common Raven [x]
 Black-capped Chickadee
 Boreal Chickadee [x]
 Tufted Titmouse
 Horned Lark
 Bank Swallow
 Tree Swallow
 Violet-green Swallow [x]
 Purple Martin
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow
 Barn Swallow
 Cliff Swallow
 Cave Swallow [x]

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 Golden-crowned Kinglet
 White-breasted Nuthatch
 Pygmy Nuthatch [x]
 Red-breasted Nuthatch
 Brown Creeper
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
 Rock Wren [x]
 Northern House Wren
 Pacific Wren [x]
 Winter Wren
 Sedge Wren

White-eyed Vireo
 Bell's Vireo
 Yellow-throated Vireo
 Blue-headed Vireo
 Philadelphia Vireo
 Warbling Vireo
 Red-eyed Vireo

Loggerhead Shrike
 Northern Shrike

Canada Jay [x]
 Pinyon Jay [x]
 Blue Jay
 Black-billed Magpie
 Clark's Nutcracker [x]

Marsh Wren
 Carolina Wren
 Bewick's Wren

European Starling [i]
 Gray Catbird
 Curve-billed Thrasher [x]

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Brown Thrasher
 Sage Thrasher [x]

Northern Mockingbird
 Eastern Bluebird
 Mountain Bluebird [x]
 Townsend's Solitaire
 Varied Thrush
 Veery
 Gray-cheeked Thrush
 Swainson's Thrush

Hermit Thrush
 Wood Thrush
 American Robin

Bohemian Waxwing
 Cedar Waxwing

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House Sparrow [i]
 Eurasian Tree Sparrow [i]

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American Pipit
 Sprague's Pipit [x]

Brambling [x]
 Evening Grosbeak [x]
 Pine Grosbeak [x]

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Black-headed Grosbeak [x]

Blue Grosbeak

Lazuli Bunting [x]

Indigo Bunting

Painted Bunting [x]

Dickcissel
